

# **Reconstruction of Pell Bridge Approach Roads and Ramps**

## **Newport, Rhode Island**

Rhode Island Department of Transportation

September 2006

Public Information Program



## **Public Meeting**

September 25, 2006

Community College of Rhode Island

Auditorium 134

One John H. Chafee Blvd.

Newport, Rhode Island

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Presentation at 7:30 PM

## *Project Purpose*

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) in association with Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (RITBA) is proceeding with a project to reconstruct the Pell Bridge approach roads and ramps in the City of Newport. The study area is bound by project limits that extend from the Pell Bridge to the northbound ramp terminus on Admiral Kalbfus Road, and from the JT Connell Highway rotary to America's Cup Avenue. The purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow within the study area as well as into and out of the City of Newport. This project will design improvements that relieve driver confusion, eliminate backups on the Pell Bridge Ramps and improve safety and traffic flow.

## *Project Status*

This project, for which preliminary design was funded by RITBA, is contained in the Study & Development portion of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which allows the RIDOT to study the issues and to develop and recommend alternative solutions. Final design and construction may advance pending approval of the proposed recommendations by the community and approval of construction funding by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

Based upon comments from the public received at the initial public hearing held April 10, 2002, the RIDOT, RITBA, and the City of Newport formed an advisory committee comprised of Newport citizens, businesspersons as well as public officials and design consultants. This committee has worked diligently in order to incorporate the following major concerns as expressed by the citizens attending the initial hearing.

- Preserve the existing rotary/roundabout
- Provide a connection for pedestrians, bicycles and motorists from downtown to the north end of the city.
- Improve public transportation and develop public parking near the Pell Bridge terminus to reduce traffic entering downtown.

After months of work, the committee has agreed upon two alternatives both of which address the major components of the study. These two alternatives will be presented at this meeting in order to gather further input that will assist with the selection of a final alternative to advance during the design phase of project development.

## *Public Participation*

This meeting is an important part of the design development process that offers the community an opportunity to review the conceptual designs in order to provide the RIDOT team with valuable local public knowledge of the area and how it relates to the proposed improvements. This important interaction allows RIDOT to work closely with the citizens who will be most directly affected by any proposed improvements. The ultimate goal is to ensure that the future improvements reflect the sentiments of the local community while meeting the projected transportation demands.





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**Date:** September 25, 2006  
**Time:** 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (Formal Presentation at 7:30PM)

The meeting place is handicapped accessible. Individuals requesting the services of an interpreter for the hearing impaired must notify RIDOT at (401) 222-2023 ext 4023 or TDD #(401) 222-4971, 72 hours in advance of the meeting date.

*Prepared by Rhode Island Department of Transportation  
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